

## **MINUTES**

### **STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES**

**JUNE 20, 2008**

The State Advisory Council on Libraries convened in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, on Friday, June 20, 2008.

Present were:

#### Council

Arne Almquist  
Linda Begley  
Garry Collum  
Mary Congleton  
Kimberly Hartz  
Linda Kompanik  
Michael Lyons  
Carol Mitchell  
Shauna Patton  
Lynda Short  
Carolyn Sue Traum (by phone)  
Bill Wilson  
Janice Wren

#### KDLA

Nicole Bryan  
Charlene Davis  
Judith Gibbons (by phone)  
Lori Harlan  
Wayne Onkst  
Christie Robinson  
Paige Sexton  
Barbara Teague

#### KLA President

Fannie Cox

#### Education Cabinet

Lori Kidwell

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Ms. Kimberly Hartz, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

### **APPROVAL OF MARCH 28, 2008 MEETING MINUTES**

One change was made to the minutes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page from "Hopkins" to the "Hopkinsville /Christian County Library". Minutes were approved with that minor wording change.

### **KLA REPORT**

Fannie Cox, President of the Kentucky Library Association, reported that this will be her last Advisory Council Meeting as the President of KLA. A new president will be elected at their fall conference in October. Fannie distributed the KLA report to the Advisory Council members and reported that several KLA Sections and Round Tables held spring programs and several KLA members also participated in National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC in May.

KLA has held two quarterly business meetings, one in March and the other in June. These meetings have focused on reports presented by the Ad Hoc Committee on Structure & Long-Range Planning needs and the Member Services Standing Committee. The Member Services Standing Committee reviewed the Bylaws and Membership Dues and since the Association's dues are to be reviewed every three years, they recommended an increase in dues. If approved by the membership at the annual conference in October, dues will increase by 5% across all levels on January 1, 2009 with the following exclusions: salary range of \$0 - \$9,999, student, retired, support staff, unemployed, and friend.

KLA is also addressing budget issues. They will be looking at special fundraising efforts and are also exploring the possibility of reducing travel expenditures by meeting virtually.

Fannie Cox reminded Advisory Council members that Amazon and Barnes & Noble does pay KLA a small percentage for books purchased from them by going through the KLA webpage first and then linking to the Amazon or Barnes & Noble webpages. Please remember to use the KLA webpage to link to Amazon and the Barnes & Noble websites if you are making a purchase.

The KLA/KSMA/SELA/ARL National Diversity in Libraries Conference will be held at the Marriott Louisville Downtown, October 1-4, 2008. You can find out more about the conference at: [www.kylibasn.org](http://www.kylibasn.org).

## **KDLA UPDATE REPORT**

Commissioner Onkst reported that KDLA has been facing serious budget cuts over the last year and continues to face budget issues for the coming year. KDLA has taken a 3.5% and a 12% budget cut over the last year, and are now facing an additional 4.5% cut on top of previous reductions. Commissioner Onkst reported that all areas of our services will be impacted by these budget reductions including: reduced staff levels, general operating expenses, grant programs (including direct aid to public libraries), travel and training budgets, and additional reductions will be expected in future months as we continue to struggle with budget issues.

Commissioner Onkst reported that Kentucky sent a delegation of 14 representatives from Kentucky's libraries to Washington, DC in May for National Library Legislative Day. The Kentucky delegation was able to meet with 6 Congressmen (McConnell, Whitfield, Yarmuth, Chandler, Davis, and Rogers) and aides from (Bunning and Lewis' offices). The delegation spoke to the Congressional Leaders about the importance of LSTA funding reauthorization, restoring funding for the National Agriculture Library, ensuring a state certified school library media specialist in every school through the No Child Left Behind Act, urging the FCC to accept ALA's plan for simplification of the E-rate funds for telecommunication costs, and for the security of maintaining libraries privacy records. The Kentucky delegation felt that they were well received and seemed to gain support from our Congressional leaders.

KDLA's Communication Office is currently working on revising our website, and they are also working on the development of an electronic agency newsletter. This newsletter would feature articles about new library construction, special awards, grants, exciting programming, employee profiles, trustee information, and other services that KDLA offers. Be watching for the electronic newsletter in the upcoming months.

A team of staff members are working on revising KDLA's Disaster Plan. The revised plan will include how to handle a catastrophic event to the Clark-Cooper Building, which houses some of the only copies of many of the state's most valuable records.

Governor Beshear has appointed Commissioner Onkst to serve on the Governor's E-Transparency Task Force, which is tasked with the creation and implementation of a one-stop information access tool that will provide information about state expenditures and programs.

KDLA has recently been involved with 2 grants that were awarded to public libraries. The Brownstone Foundation from New York City is providing 100 children's picture books per library to 59 of the lowest poverty counties across Kentucky. This grant will be based on the number of children in poverty levels and the per capita income of public libraries. The other grant was part of a litigation settlement from the Attorney General's Office for Compact Disc Minimum Advertised Price Antitrust. This settlement allowed 94 libraries to participate and depending on the size of the population they serve they received amounts from \$625 to \$2125 to purchase music cd's for their collections.

Public library statistics indicate that Kentuckians are using their libraries more and more. Usage reports show an increase of 7.6% in the interlibrary loan department, and circulation for the State Library Collection has also increased. A beautiful new main library has recently opened in Pulaski County and branch libraries in Berea and Warren County have opened in the past couple of months. The Perry County Public Library has also recently broken ground for construction of a new public library in that county. On July 1, the Warren Co. – Bowling Green Public Library became the 105<sup>th</sup> public library district in the state.

### **COMMUNICATIONS DISCUSSION**

Paige Sexton advised Advisory Council members that KDLA recently conducted a survey among our website users and over 1,000 users participated in the survey. Results from the survey are now being studied to identify what users would like to see added or changed on our website features and format. Paige stated that each section of the website is now being reviewed and updated. Paige is in the beginning stages of drafting the format for the electronic newsletter that will be sent to our constituents and others beginning on a monthly basis in the fall.

### **COLLECTION CHANGES**

Charlene Davis reported that State Library Services is conducting a major weeding of the State Library collection due to changes in what our clients are requesting and using. The majority of the State Library Collection now consists of management and supervisory materials aimed at state employees, test taking workbooks, audio books, and all types of circulating book kits. Materials that are being weeded from the State Library Collection are being offered to the University of Louisville and to public libraries.

Once the task of weeding has been completed, they will then proceed in small increments with the possibility of shifting the Kentucky Talking Book materials from the third floor down to the first floor. This move will depend upon the funding to purchase the required shelving that would be needed for this move, but it would allow Public Records some additional square footage for archival materials on the third floor. This shift in collections will not solve our pending need for additional archival storage space; this would only be a temporary fix.

### **DISCUSSION OF KDLA REGIONAL SYSTEM**

Commissioner Onkst reported that with the recent budget cuts KDLA has had to realign our regional system from 12 down to 8 regions. The realignment of the regions took many hours and input from directors, but we are trying to even out some of the workload for the number of counties that each regional consultant must serve. Commissioner Onkst reported that the new regions will become effective as of October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The new regions will not be given a name, but they will have an assigned number for administrative purposes. KDLA understands that many of these changes will be difficult for some counties, but ask for their patience and understanding as we work through these necessary changes. Travel restrictions, and the fact that each region will have 14 to 16 counties, will hinder the regional consultants' ability to attend board meetings and make site visits as much as in the past.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

Commissioner Onkst advised the Council that several members' terms have expired and several more are due to expire in December. Please contact our office if you are interested in continuing to serve on the State Advisory Council on Libraries.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Barbara Teague announced that the month of October 2008 will be dedicated for *Kentucky Archives Month*. KDLA will have special programs and events throughout the month of October to feature and highlight some of Kentucky's important records and archives, and to honor the distinguished life and work of Dr. Thomas D. Clark.
- Barbara Teague reported that the Ky. State Historical Records Advisory Board (KSHRAB) is offering scholarships to attend training on Security in Archives & Manuscript Repositories in Louisville on June 26-27. The following staff from KDLA will be attending this training: Barbara Teague, Jim Cundy, Tim Tingle, and Georgiana Casey-Goode.
- Barbara is also planning to attend a training event, which will be sponsored by a FEMA grant in July, to assist state and local officials on how to prepare, protect, and recover state and government documents during or after a natural disaster.
- Lynda Short distributed a recommended reading list for grades K-12 and encouraged Council members to go online and vote for their favorites at: <http://kba.nku.edu>. The Kentucky Bluegrass Awards encourage students of Kentucky in grades K through 12 to read quality children's literature. The KBA is one of approximately 45 state children's choice awards nationwide. All Kentucky public and private schools as well as public libraries are welcome to participate in the program.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the State Advisory Council on Libraries will be held on Friday, October 24, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

## **ADJOURNMENT**